

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following numbered paragraphs with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[19] Referring to Figure 3, the anti-shift collar 38 is illustrated prior to crimping. It should be understood that the anti-shift collar 38 may be crimped at any desired location. The anti-shift collar 38 includes a generally elliptical outer perimeter 40. The smaller radius ends 46 adjacent the clipped ends 46 of the elliptical outer perimeter 40 are preferably clipped. That is, the clipped ends 46 are linear and break the elliptical outer perimeter 40.

[20] An inner perimeter 42 includes a semi-circular portion 44 and a polygonal portion 48 adjacent each of the clipped ends 46 of the elliptical outer perimeter 40 (also illustrated in Figure 4). The semi-circular portion 44 is preferably large enough to be received over a finished and shot peened arm segment 34, the elongated central segment 32 and the bends therebetween (Figure 1). In addition, any formed ends such as forged eyes ~~must~~ may also be passed therethrough. That is, the polygonal portions 48 allow the anti-shift collar 38 to be slid to a desired position over the formed ends then crimped into place.

[20.5] The polygonal portion 48 adjacent each of the clipped ends 46 includes a first surface S1, a second surface S2, and a third surface S3. The first surface S1 are generally parallel to the respective clipped ends 47. The second surface S2 and the third surface S3 extend from the first surface S1 in a non-perpendicular manner to thereby define the polygonal portion 48. The second surface S2 and the third surface S3 intersect the respective semi-circular portions 44.

[21] Referring to Figure 5, the anti-shift collar 38 is illustrated after a crimping operation is performed such that the anti-shift collar 38 is locked to the central segment 32 thereby. A crimp (illustrated schematically by arrow C) is preferably made upon the elliptical outer perimeter 40 adjacent each polygonal portion 48. That is, the clipped ends 47 are crimped to form pinched areas 50 which extend outward from the central segment 32 along ~~an~~ a longitudinal axis P, while the semi-circular portions 44 are defined along a lateral axis p. The pinched areas 50 are thereby formed generally transverse to the stabilizer bar assembly 30 to lock the anti-shift collar 38 thereto.

Notably, the crimps C which form pinched areas 50 are directed generally transverse to the bar and are not directed inward toward a central longitudinal axis L of the central segment 32 of the stabilizer bar assembly 30. The configuration of the elliptical outer perimeter 40 and the clipped ends 47 advantageously simplifies crimping to two opposed locations. In addition to allowing passage over formed stabilizer ends, the pinched areas 50 take-up the clearance between the semi-circular portion 44 prior to crimping and the central segment 32. A rigid and relatively uncomplicated mounted is thereby provided.